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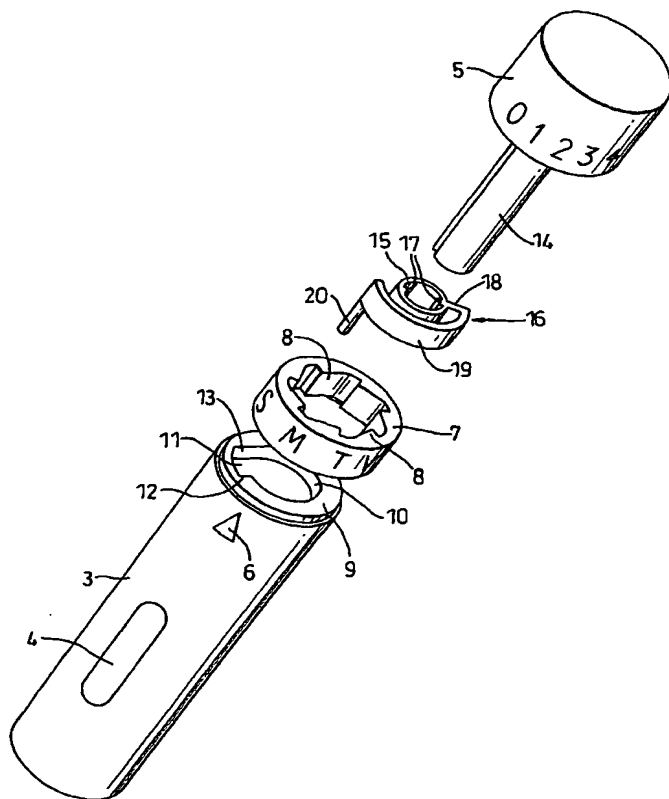
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(57) Abstract: In use a knob (5) is rotated from its zero position to set a dose. This rotates an indexer (16), which through its peg (20) turns a ring (7) by pushing on one of the teeth (8). A position is reached wherein the free end portion of the peg (20) meets a cam surface (13). On continued rotation of the knob (5), the peg (20) is forced radially inwards to clear the tooth (8) that it has just been pushing against. The ring (7), having been shifted through one-seventh of a complete revolution is then left stationary while the knob (5) is turned further to whatever dose is required. When a syringe actuation trigger (4) is pressed, the knob (5) winds back again to its zero position, taking with it the indexer (16). The peg (20) is still held clear of the ring (7) until it hits the sloping side of the tooth following the one which it had previously pushed. As the knob finally reverts to zero, the peg (20) slides along that slope and then snaps outwardly after passing the tip.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 11-12
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
Claims 11 and 12 do not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT in that the matter for which protection is sought is not clearly defined.
The definitions of claims 11 and 12 make references to the drawings and are therefore so

3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

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Claims Nos.: 11-12

Claims 11 and 12 do not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT in that the matter for which protection is sought is not clearly defined.

The definitions of claims 11 and 12 make references to the drawings and are therefore so unclear that no meaningful search could be carried out.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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1. claims: 1-6

The dependant claim 2 relates to a counter where setting the dose is by rotating a knob

2. claims: 7-10

The dependant claim 7 relates to a counter where setting the dose is by pulling back a plunger

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